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EMPLOYMENT IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that rural unemployed youth are not getting employment despite various schemes under implementation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the targets fixed and achieved both physical and financial during the last three years; scheme-wise; State-wise;

(d) the manner in which this amount was utilized by the District Rural Development Agencies; and

(e) the allocation made for this purpose during the current year and the number of persons likely to be employed as a result thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Rural Development has been implementing, through the State Governments, Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) a Self Employment Scheme and the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) a Wage Employment Scheme, for the benefit of the members of the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families including youth. The eligible unemployed youths of all the districts can avail of the assistance under these schemes.

(c) No target is fixed under these schemes. The physical and financial achievements under the Swanjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) during 2003-04 and 2004-05 (upto Oct. 2004) are as under:

Year	Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)		Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY)	
	Funds Utilised (Rs. in crores)	No. of Swarozgaris assisted (lakh Nos.)	Funds Utilised (Rs. in crores)	Employment generated in (lakh mandays)
2001-02	970.32	9.37	4192.07	5229.79
2002-03	921.16	8.26	5000.01	7482.93
2003-04	1044.25	8.96	5957.75	8560.24

(d) The funds released under various rural development prorammes are utilized by the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs)/ Zilla Parishads (ZPs.) in accordance with the Programme Guidelines.

(e) The Central allocation of funds and estimated physical achievements during the current year (2004-05) are as under:

Name of Scheme	Central Allocation (Rs in crores)	Estimated Physical achievement
SGSY	1000.00	9.00 (lakh Swarojgaris)
SGRY	4495.25	8565.00 (lakh mandays approximately)

In addition, allocation of Rs. 2020 crores and 20 lakh Tonnes of foodgrains has been made during the current year under the newly launched National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP) which will generate additional employment for the rural youth.